

**283—27.5(261) Priority for program agreements.**

**27.5(1)** In the event that all on-time eligible applicants cannot be funded with the available appropriation, program agreements will be prioritized as follows:

*a.* Eligible applicants who will practice as private practice food supply veterinarians in a veterinary shortage area and have graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A; followed by eligible applicants who will practice as private practice food supply veterinarians in a veterinary shortage area and have not graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A.

*b.* Eligible applicants who will practice as private practice food supply veterinarians in a service commitment area and have graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A; followed by eligible applicants who will practice as private practice food supply veterinarians in a service commitment area and have not graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A.

*c.* Eligible applicants who will practice as a veterinarian in a service commitment area and have graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A; followed by eligible applicants who will practice as veterinarians in a service commitment area and have not graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A.

**27.5(2)** In the event that all on-time eligible applicants within a priority group described in subrule 27.5(1) cannot be funded, eligible applicants within that priority group will be prioritized according to the date the application was received by the commission.

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